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STARCH DERIVATIVES AND
METHOD FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 7, 2003,
concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make
this response timely.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: